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Abstract

President Trump's declaration of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel has been condemned across Arab and predominantly Muslim countries. Based on the documentary analysis, this study analyses the reasons for Donald Trump's decision, its implication and consequences for Palestinian peace-process. It is found that President Trump was following through on his major campaign promise to recognize Jerusalem and was simply implementing the Congress decision to relocate Jerusalem. The argument that this decision will adversely affect the role of the US as an honest broker in Israel-Palestine conflict is untenable. The US has never been an impartial moderator and has sided with Israel militarily, economically and politically. The peace-process did not materialise simply because Israel was not willing to concede to an independent Palestinian state and because the US was not willing to exert pressure on Israel to agree to a two-state solution.

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